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Mrs. Linda Howat  
405 North 8 Street  
Elwood, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Howat:

In reply to your letter, no one knows what causes placenta praevia which, unfortunately, was the reason for your baby's death. I am very sorry to hear about this, and there is no reason why it should happen again. I do think it would be a good idea to have an obstetrician in a nearby city examine you to make sure there are no abnormalities in your reproductive tract. Also, although the doctor did nothing wrong at all with your last pregnancy, it would be well if an obstetrician took care of you next time.

I do not know just where Elwood is but the March of Dimes office in Columbus or maybe Indianapolis could tell you where to obtain a copy of "Is My Baby All Right?".

Thank you for writing me and good luck with your next pregnancy.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Apgar, M.D., M.P.H.